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A STATEMENT.

To whom it may concern:

Having recently assumed charge of the Library, I wish to bring to the attention of the members of the Association a couple of important matters:

1. Our members have it in their power (*and it rests with them alone*) to relieve what may become a serious embarrassment. The library having assumed such proportions, there was an imperative demand for a catalogue. These repeated calls resulted in a decision to present one worthy of our library. Accordingly, at an outlay of much time and labor, and at a large expense, the present complete catalogue was issued. 500 copies—200 in board and 300 in manilla—were printed, and a price put upon them which would barely cover the actual cost. We regret now to announce that not *forty-five* copies have been sold. Many of those who are enjoying the benefit of the library frequently ask to see a copy of the catalogue, when they want a book. Believing that this needs but be brought plainly to the attention of our members to be corrected, we confidently leave it with them to relieve us of the edition now on our hands.

2. I find, upon careful review of the library, that there are forty books out over time. Wishing that all of these may be brought in before the close of the year, we make the liberal offer, that *all delinquents who return their books before the* TWENTY-FIFTH *of this month will be excused* from the fines now standing against them. It may, however, be clearly understood, that hereafter the rule will be strictly enforded, all persons keeping books out over two weeks being fined accordingly.

W. H. SHAFFER, *Librarian.*

"Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples."

USE THE PROSPECTUS.

Those who have not already obtained copies of the new *Prospectus* can get them by calling at the Rooms. We should be glad to receive names of those to whom our friends would have copies sent. We earnestly desire to increase our membership, and we urge upon each one of our members *individually* to exert himself for this end. By a united effort, the Association can be materially strengthened and its influence farther extended. In this time of "good will," we should each show ours toward the Association, *by securing at least one new member before the first of the year*, We hope for such a practical exhibition of "good will unto men."

AN EXPLANATION.

At the earnest solicitation of a number of our members, the entertainment, previously announced in the members' course for the 21st proximo, will be postponed, and an early date in the new year substituted. While the Lecture Committee regrets the necessity of this action, it feels that the reasons advanced are sufficiently potent to warrant the change.

We shall, however, hope to profit by the delay, presenting a much more attractive entertainment, and, we trust, replenishing in a measure our treasury.

GGO. W. MEHAFFEY, *Chairman.*

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LOCAL ITEMS.

As there is no common Sunday-school lesson for Sunday, the 26th, the usual Teachers' Normal Class will be omitted next Thursday evening.

On Monday evening (20th) at half-past eight, there will be a special meeting of the Executive Committee. Important business will be considered, and the attendance of every member of the committee is expected.

Committee on Young Men's Meeting will meet to-night immediately after Young Men's Meeting.

We feel sure that our members will be satisfied with the explanation which comes from the Lecture Committee, in view of the promised treat a little farther on in the season. These holidays are, at any rate, so full as scarcely to admit of the proposed entertainment being very successful, and Prof. McCaskey's Practical Talk, following on so soon, will make ample reparation.

The meeting in the Hope Engine House last Saturday evening was well attended, not only by our young men, but by firemen and others, and was deeply impressive, their having been a request for special prayer.

Our Young Men's Meeting will be held to-night as usual in the Parlors, and a cordial invitation is extended to all young men to attend.

As usual, the Boys' Entertainment last Monday night was a treat. Young ladies of Miss Woodward's school furnished music in great variety, and Mr. McConaughy gave an account of a visit to a coal mine. More complete organization of the companies—notably of "Company A"—was effected, and the order was remarkable.

Next Monday, Mrs. Feeman will give a special Christmas entertainment. Except by a few special *tickets* to the gallery, there will be *no admission* save to boys under fifteen.

Two dollars will purchase a ticket of membership in the Association. Before expending this amount in a book, it would be well to remember, that, beside the other privileges which it includes, a ticket of membership entitles to the use of more than *two thousand* standard books. We know that many Sunday-school teachers give Christmas presents to their scholars, and we wish to call this to their attention before they select. Others might well consider the same proposition.

RECEPTION COMMITTEE DECEMBER 20-25.

MONDAY—John Hoover.

TUESDAY—A. L. Groff, J. L. Weaver.

THURSDAY—E. D. Shellenberger, S. D. Ensinger.

FRIDAY—John H. Wagoner, W. A. Zollinger.

SATURDAY—R. D. List.

OUR MEETINGS FOR THE WEEK ENDING DECEMBER 25, 1880.

SUNDAY.....9.00 A. M...Service in County Jail. C. A. Kunkel.
December 19. 1.30 P. M...Mission Sunday School at Lochiel. John C. Lynch, Superintendent.
3.15 " ..Service of Song. David McConaughy, Jr.
3.30 " ..Service at Home for the Friendless. H. C. Demming.
4.15 " ..Young Men's Bible Class. (Tyre and Sidon.) D. McConaughy, Jr.
5.00 " ..Bible Class (Colored). Wesley Mission, Marion near Colder. Charles May.
6.00 " ..Service at City Hospital.
MONDAY.....7.30 " ..Boys' Entertainment. By Mrs. Feeman.
8.30 " ..Boys' Committee Meeting.
8.30 " ..Special Executive Committee Meeting.
THURSDAY.....7.30 " ..Association Choral Class. Prof. S. B. Ellenberger.
FRIDAY.....7.30 " ..History Class. J. K. Tomlinson.
8.00 " ..Cottage Meeting. Mrs. Wood's, Showers Avenue, near Tuscarora.
SATURDAY.....8.00 " ..Young Men's Meeting. Christmas Service.

EVERY WEEK-DAY ..... 8.00 A. M.....Daily Prayer Meeting.
9.45 P. M.....Evening Prayers in the Parlors.

THE DAILY MORNING PRAYER MEETING

Is held in the Reading Room every morning, except Sunday, at 8.00 o'clock, closing at 8.30.

TOPICS AND LEADERS FOR THE WEEK.

MONDAY.....*The Visible Progress of Christ's Kingdom.* Mark iv. 30-32. M. Blitz.
TUESDAY.....*The Saviour and a Government Official.* Luke xix. 1-10. Rev. Galen W. Seiler.
WEDNESDAY.....*Conversion of a Guileless Israelite.* John i. 45-51; Titus iii. 5. James Carothers.
THURSDAY.....*Helping Brethren, Helping Christ.* Matt. xxv. 34-40. J. N. Deeter.
FRIDAY.....*Seeking the Straying.* Matt. xviii. 11-14. Geo. A. Lippincott.
SATURDAY.....*The Throne of David's Kingdom Established Forever.* 2 Sam. vii. 16; Matt. i. 1, 18-25; John xviii. 33-37. John A. Booth.

EVERYBODY IS INVITED TO ATTEND.

GYMNASIUM CLASSES.

LADIES.....5.15 to 6.15 P. M.
BOYS.....6.15 to 7.15 P. M.
YOUTHS.....7.30 to 8.30 P. M.
YOUNG MEN.....8.45 to 9.45 P. M.

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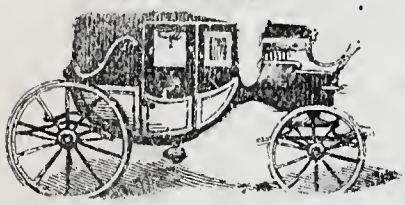

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